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SUBJECT: OAS: 10TH ANNUAL MEETING OF IA-ECOSOC -

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1. BESIDES APPROVING THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE MEETING, THE ONLY ITEM OF BUSINESS AT TUESDAY MORNING'S PLENARY SESSION WAS A STATEMENT BY COLOMBIA. FOLLOWING THE PLENARY, THREE WORKING COMMITTEES WERE ESTABLISHED. COMMITTEE ONE TO CONSIDER AGENDA ITEM 1 ON THE US TRADE ACT. OFFICERS ARE CHAIRMAN: COLOMBIA (AT INSISTENCE OF VENEZUELA OVER INTENTION NICARAGUA TO NOMINATE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC), UNCLASSIFIED

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VICE CHAIRMAN: GUATEMALA, AND RELATOR: CHILE. COMMITTEE

TWO TO DISCUSS THE REPORTS TO CIES (SEE REFTTEL) AND CIES REPORT TO GA. CHAIRMAN: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (THE QUID FOR THE ABOVE QUO); VICE CHAIRMAN: BRAZIL, RELATOR: PERU. COMMITTEE THREE TO DISCUSS THE INSTITUTIONAL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. CHAIRMAN: VENEZUELA, VICE CHAIRMAN, JAMAICA, RELATOR: US.

2. COLOMBIA MADE THE ONLY STATEMENT AT THE PLENARY. WHILE REHASHING MANY OF THE FAMILIAR COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE TRADE ACT, STATEMENT WAS CONCILIATORY IN TONE, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT DIALOGUE CAN CONTINUE. ONE INTERESTING POINT WAS HIS FAVORABLE MENTION OF THE EEC'S REGIONAL PREFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS WORKED OUT IN THE LOME NEGOTIATIONS.

3. COMMITTEE 1 DISCUSSED TRADE ACT FOR APPROXIMATELY 3 HOURS TUESDAY AFTERNOON, WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY (ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS BUREAU) GLITMAN IN CHAIR. DISCUSSION WAS ESSENTIALLY REHASH OF LATIN POSITIONS, WITH US ATTEMPTING TO PROVIDE MEANINGFUL RESPONSES TO CONCERNS OVER APPLICATION OF TRADE ACT. DISCUSSION SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE WEDNESDAY, AND U.S. PREPARED TO RESPOND AGAIN AT TECHNICAL LEVEL (ACTING STR, GUENTHER, AND EB'S SCHMIDT). THERE HAS BEEN SOME MOVEMENT TOWARD GENUINE GIVE-AND-TAKE ON THIS ISSUE, WE ARE SOMEWHAT ENCOURAGED THAT CIES - DISCUSSION WILL BE RESPONSIVE TO LA CONCERNS, AND DEFLATE INCLINATIONS OF SOME DELEGATIONS TO FURTHER ATTACK THE ACT.

4. ACTING SECRETARY INGERSOLL SCHEDULED TO MAKE STATEMENT AT WEDNESDAY P.M. SESSION (TEXT AS GIVEN WILL BE CABLED).

5. COMMITTEE 2 MET TO CONSIDER REPORTS OF CEPICIES TO CIES AND FORMATION OF CIES REPORT TO GA.

6. COMMITTEE THREE BEGAN ITS WORK AS SCHEDULED. INGERSOLL

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